

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Sir:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for venting ornamental windows covered by a protective panel comprising:
 - a) stained glass_window;
 - b) a protective panel;
 - c) a framing element;
 - d) at least one airspace between said window and said protective panel;
 - e) venting means comprising an entry vent opening on the outside of the apparatus and an exit vent opening vertically spaced above and on the outside of the apparatus;
 - f) said entry vent opening comprising a first path causing a first directional turn upwards and a first interior vent opening vertically spaced above said entry vent opening and causing a second directional turn to said airspace, and said exit vent opening comprising a second path causing a first directional turn and a second interior vent opening vertically spaced below said exit vent opening and causing a second directional turn to said airspace for facilitating upwards airflow in said airspace.
2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 1 wherein each said entry vent opening further comprises a first area, said exit vent opening further comprises a second area; said first interior vent opening comprises a third area and said second interior vent opening comprises a

fourth area; said first path comprises a first cross sectional area; said second path comprises a second cross sectional area; said first area at least equals said first cross sectional area and said first cross sectional area does not exceed said third area; and said second area at least equals said second cross sectional area and said second cross sectional area does not exceed said fourth area for facilitating adequate rate and volume of airflow.

3. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 2 where said first area equals at least one square inch for each about 2000 to 2500 square inches of ornamental window to be vented.
4. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 3 wherein said entry vent opening is covered by a screen such that is has an effective first area of 66% such that said first area at least equals 1.66 square inches for each about 2000 to 2500 square inches of ornamental window.
5. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 1 wherein said first interior vent opening is spaced vertically above said entry vent opening to prevent entry of rainwater into said air space.
6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for venting ornamental windows covered by a protective panel comprising:
 - a) a stained glass window;
 - b) a protective panel;
 - c) a framing element;
 - d) at least one airspace between said window and said protective panel;

- e) venting means comprising a plurality of pairs of vent openings each said pair positioned in a vertical portion of said framing element with an exit vent opening spaced vertically above an entry vent opening, said entry vent opening directly to air outside the apparatus having a first area and said exit vent opening directly to air outside the apparatus having a second area;
- f) each said entry vent opening comprises a first path causing a first directional turn and a first interior opening spaced vertically above said entry vent opening and causing a second directional turn and each said exit vent opening comprises a second interior opening causing a directional turn and a second path causing a directional turn; and
- g) for each said entry vent opening, said first interior opening comprises a third area and for each said exit vent opening, each said second interior opening comprises a fourth area, each said first path comprises a first cross-sectional area and each said second path comprises a second cross-sectional area.

7. (Previously Amended) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 6 wherein for each said entry vent opening, said first area at least equals first cross sectional area and said first cross sectional area does not exceed said third area and a sum of all said first areas is at least one square inch for every 2000-2500 square inches of ornamental window for facilitating adequate rate and volume of airflow.

8. (Original) An apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 7 wherein for each said exit vent opening, said fourth area at least equals said second cross sectional area and said second cross sectional area does not exceed said second area.
9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for venting ornamental windows covered by a protective panel comprising:
- a) a stained glass window;
 - b) a protective panel;
 - c) at least one framing element;
 - d) at least one airspace between said window and said protective panel;
 - e) venting means comprising at least one pair of vent openings each pair comprising an entry vent opening having a first area and an exit vent opening having a second area and spaced vertically above said entry vent opening;
 - f) each said entry vent opening comprises a first proximal path causing a first directional turn and having a first proximal cross section, a first inside opening causing a second directional turn, a first distal path having a first distal cross section and a first interior opening vertically spaced above said entry vent opening all for allowing air to flow into said airspace and each said exit vent opening comprises a second proximal path causing a first directional turn and having a second proximal cross section, a second inside opening causing a second directional turn, a second distal path having a second distal cross section and a second interior opening

vertically spaced below said exit vent opening all for allowing air to flow out of said airspace;

- g) said first interior opening comprises a third area and said second interior opening comprises a fourth area;
- h) said first inside opening comprises a fifth area and said second inside opening comprises a sixth area;
- i) for each said entry vent opening, said first area does not exceed said first proximal cross sectional area, said fifth area at least equals said first proximal cross sectional area, said first distal cross sectional area at least equals said fifth area, and said third area at least equals said first distal cross sectional area; and
- j) for each said exit vent opening, said fourth area does not exceed said second distal cross sectional area, said sixth area at least equals said second distal cross sectional area, said second proximal cross sectional area at least equals said sixth area and said second area at least equals said second proximal cross sectional area for facilitating adequate rate and volume of flow to minimize the effects of extreme temperatures and of bacterial damage.

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein at least one dam member is positioned to direct airflow from each said entry vent opening to each said first path.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein at least one said framing element is a first casting having at

least one said entry vent opening and another at least one said framing element is a second casting having at least one said exit vent opening.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein said at least one framing element is a total frame which holds both said protective panel and said ornamental window.
13. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein said at least one framing element is a perimeter frame which holds only said protective panel and said airspace is defined by a separation between said protective panel and said ornamental window.
14. (Canceled) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein said first interior vent opening is spaced vertically above said entry vent opening to prevent rain from entering said airspace.
15. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 9 wherein at least one of said entry vent openings includes a debris deterring accessory.
16. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 15 wherein said debris deterring accessory is a screen.
17. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 15 wherein said debris deterring accessory is a hood.
18. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 wherein said venting means further comprises a first casting having at least one said entry vent opening and a second casting having at least one said exit vent opening.

19. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 wherein at least one dam member is positioned to direct airflow from each said entry vent opening to each said first path.
20. (Canceled) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 wherein said first interior vent opening is spaced vertically above said entry vent opening to prevent rain from entering said airspace.
21. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 wherein at least one of said entry vent openings includes a debris deterring accessory.
22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 further comprising at least one hood positioned proximal one of said entry vent opening for deterring entry of debris.
23. (Original) The apparatus for venting ornamental windows as claimed in claim 13 further comprising at least one screen proximal one of said entry vent opening for deterring entry of debris.